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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 25-32 without prejudice.

Add the following new claims.

33. (New) A method for promoting the healing of a chronic wound in a patient comprising administering to said patient an amount of a stimulator of IFN- $\gamma$  sufficient to effect said promotion.

34. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein said stimulator of IFN- $\gamma$  is administered to a site of wounding.

35. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein between 7,500 and 15,000 IU IFN- $\gamma$  is administered.

36. (New) The method according to claim 33, wherein said stimulator of IFN- $\gamma$  is administered either immediately prior to wounding or immediately after wounding.

37. (New) The method according to claim 33 wherein said stimulator of IFN- $\gamma$  is selected from the group